

Penrith Community Hospital League of Friends

Trustee Annual Report

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2019 / 2020.

I would like to start by saying a big "thank you" to all the members of the League for their hard work and continued support during this particularly challenging year.

Sadly, we lost two of our long serving and loyal members this year, Don Bowie our Treasurer in June 2019, and Kathleen Stourton in August 2020. Both had worked hard for the League over many years, and will be greatly missed.

Last July we held a wonderful Garden Party to celebrate 50 years of Penrith Hospital, and the League's involvement. The event was well attended by members and staff past and present, and our loyal supporters.

During the year, with the support of Burnett's solicitors, the League changed its Constitution and status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and as a result, changed its name to Penrith Community Hospital League of Friends. The new CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 12th August 2019, and the old League dissolved at a meeting on 21st October 2019. The balances in each of the Leagues accounts were transferred to the new CIO. These figures are reflected in the 2 sets of accounts accompanying this report – the first for the Old League from April to October 2019, and the second for the New League from November 2019 to 31st August 2020. Our financial year will in future run from September to August each year. As we do not think it wise to hold a "face to face" AGM this year, we are arranging to conduct the business of the meeting with a postal vote for our members. A Voting paper is enclosed for completion and return on the items which require a vote.

Prior to the old League being dissolved, the balance from the NSI Bond was transferred to our Barclays account. In April 2020, a new account was opened with Penrith Building Society with the agreement of the members, and a sum of £40100 transferred from Barclays to limit the risk under FSA guidelines.

In December we held our Festive Christmas Tea at the Hospital which was well supported and much enjoyed by those attending. We also had our usual Carol Singing and distribution of presents to the patients on Eden Unit by Father Christmas.

During February the news of COVID emerged, and it was decided to suspend any further fundraising events and meetings to keep our members and the public safe. We have tried to keep in touch with all of our members by newsletters and phone calls during this difficult time.

To provide an alternative method for donations, a Just Giving site was set up, which has proved successful for those wishing to support the League. Our total income from donations and bequests for November 2019 to August 2020 was £18513.

We have had a high level of requests for grants including setting up the Respiratory Assessment Hub at Penrith Hospital – the total for all grants was £22797.

We have been pleased to provide the following major items :-

Diagnostic Otoscope	£ 800
Fans for Hospital Departments	£ 2000
Setting up Respiratory Assessment Hub	£ 2500
Wheelchairs for Outpatients and Urgent Treatment Centre	£ 2866
2 Patient Monitors (Dinamaps)	£ 4774
ECG Machine for Eden Unit	£ 6674
Grab Bags for District Nurses	£ 704
Physio Equipment	£ 398
Stroke Equipment	£ 340
TOTAL	£ 21056

My thanks to the Herald for their continued support by publishing articles about the activities of the League.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone concerned with the League, and special thanks to our wonderful teams at the Hospital, and in the Community, who are working so hard to keep us safe and well – you are all stars !!

Lorna Sharpe

Chairman

Penrith Community Hospital League of Friends Accounts - 10 months to 31st August 2020

<u>Income</u>	Year End 31 Aug 20		<u>Expenditure</u>	Year End 31 Aug 20
Opening Balances				
Barclays Current Account	£82,079.10		Adverts	£35.00
Scottish Widows	£25,436.50			
			Medical Equipment	£20,404.15
			Recreational Equipment	£2,393.00
			Christmas Presents for patients	£240.00
Donations:General	£17,015.30		Miscellaneous	£118.54
Just Giving Donations Online	£826.45			
Xmas Tea	£623.00		Postage	£126.00
Interest Scottish Widows	£47.89		Public Liability Insurance	£232.03
			Secretarial Expenses	£144.08
			Sub Total	£23,692.80
			Closing Balances	
			Barclays Current Account	£36,751.05
			Penrith Building Society	£40,100.00
			Scottish Widows	£25,484.39
Total	£126,028.24		Total	£126,028.24